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Application No.: 09/736,151

Examiner: J. Tung

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Docket No.: 104959

For: PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACID

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 8, 2003, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 149030 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment for:

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